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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1973, BY DEPUTY PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY GERALD WARREN -- AND A SUBSEQUENT DIALOG BETWEEN HIM AND JIM DEAKIN, ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH CORRESPONDENT:

WARREN: (STATEMENT) THERE IS AN ACTION IN A SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE YESTERDAY, CUTTING \$10 MILLION FROM THE RADIO FREE EUROPE-RADIO LIBERTY APPROPRIATION, AND I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF THE PRESIDENT'S MAY 7, 1973 STATEMENT ENDORSING THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL STUDY COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RADIO BROADCASTING. THE CONGRESS SHOULD PROVIDE THE FULL FUNDING FOR THESE RADIOS, AND THE FULL FUNDING IS \$50 MILLION.

Q: HOW DO YOU RECONCILE THIS WITH THE PRESIDENT'S REPEATED APPEALS AND URGINGS AS EXPRESSED OVER AND OVER AGAIN, MOST RECENTLY IN THE NEW STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, WITH RESPECT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMY? IS GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMY SOMETHING THAT

EXISTS WHEN THE PRESIDENT DECIDES IT EXISTS, AND NOT WHEN CONGRESS DECIDES IT EXISTS? IN OTHER WORDS, IS GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMY WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAYS IT IS, AND NO ONE ELSE, OR IS IT REALLY GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMY?

WARREN: I THINK NO RECONCILIATION IS NECESSARY, AND I THINK THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT QUITE CLEAR IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS THAT BUDGET RESTRAINT IS NECESSARY, BUT IT MUST BE RESPONSIBLE BUDGET RESTRAINT.

THE PRESIDENT WILL, AS HE HAS SAID, AND I HAVE SAID TO YOU, CONFRONT THE ISSUES AND NOT THE INDIVIDUALS. HE WILL CONFRONT THE ISSUES AND NOT THE PEOPLE. THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH HE FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT.

DURING CONFIRMATION HEARINGS THIS WEEK SECRETARY- DESIGNATE KISSINGER STATED IN ANSWER TO A QUERY: "THE SOVIETS DO NOT LIKE THESE STATIONS BUT THEY DO SOME THINGS WE DON'T LIKE. I DON'T CONSIDER THEM A BARRIER TO OUR DETENTE POLICY." RUSH

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